

## In Memoriam

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Death came to Phil Klein on October 18, after fifteen gallant years of remarkable courage in the face of a catastrophic disability.

Phil was born in New York City in 1920. He attended Syracuse University, and received his D.D.S. from the New York University School of Dentistry in 1944.

After two years of overseas service in the United States Army he entered graduate studies in orthodontics at the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1949. He began his orthodontic practice in Sherman Oaks; in 1952 he joined the faculty at the University of Southern California.

In 1954 Phil was struck by polio with a devastating result. He was left quadriplegic and unable to breathe without mechanical assistance. A lesser man

might have turned his face to the wall, but Phil rebuilt his life, both personal and professional, within the heartbreaking confines of his disability. In 1955 he completed and published a paper on cervical traction, a project he had started before his illness. He regularly taught private courses in basic orthodontic theory and published a compendium of fundamental orthodontic literature.

He continued his membership and interest in the Angle Society of Orthodontics, the American Association of Orthodontists, Alpha Omega Fraternity, and his study group.

Dr. Phillip L. Klein's death is a sad loss to the orthodontic community, but his life will remain a shining example of courage for all of us who were touched by it.

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